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AMERICANFREEPRESS.NET * STOP THE GENOCIDE IN THE HOLY LAND

While a Palestinian man (shown above) mourns over the corpse of his small child, murdered by the Israeli military, Israeli misdeeds against civilians in multiple other realms are, in fact, crimes of genocide.

'Rat Trap' Nails Israel

• Jewish lobby scheme to punish Israel's critics has unexpected consequences

Israel could be the second nation prosecuted under the terms of the Genocide Convention of which Israel and American Jewish supporters of Israel were the chief (and aggressive) advocates.

By Michael Collins Piper

Speaking before an enthusiastic pro-Israel audience at the 1984 national conference of B'nai B'rith in Washington, D.C., President Ronald Reagan called for Senate ratification of the Genocide Convention which B'nai B'rith and other forces in the Jewish lobby had been demanding the U.S. ratify since the convention was first adopted by the UN in 1948.

Israel and its supporters viewed the convention as a "rat trap" with which Israel could legally target and capture its perceived critics, subjecting them to international sanction and punishment.

However, Reagan shocked many good Americans — who long opposed the convention — by abandoning his own Republican Party's traditional opposition to the convention, and, with Reagan's support, GOP stalwart, Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole (Kan.), railroaded the measure through the Senate on Feb. 19, 1986.

Hesitant to oppose their party leaders, GOP opponents had rolled over, allowing the measure to pass, told that their support would "help the GOP win Jewish votes." Then Reagan signed the treaty.

Although supporters of Israel had loudly pushed for U.S. ratification of the convention (which is precisely why Reagan lent his support to the controversial treaty in the first place), the irony is that — under the terms of the convention — Israel is now most assuredly liable for prosecution because of the specific nature of its actions against the Christians and Muslims of Palestine.

The concept of "genocide" is defined in the convention as the commission of any of a number of enumerated acts "with the specific intent to destroy, in whole or in part, a national, ethnic, racial, or religious group."

The acts specifically cited in Senate implementing legislation for the convention include: killing, inflicting serious bodily injury, or causing mental impairment, through torture or drugs, of members of the group. Also cited are the subjection of the victimized group to conditions of life designed to bring about its demise, restricting births within the group or transferring, by force, children of the group to another group.

In one fashion or another, Israel has already been fingered on repeated occasions — over the nearly three decades since the convention was ratified — for committing each and every single one of these crimes against the Christians and Muslims. The public record in this regard is indisputable.

Today, many of those who first opposed the convention are now saying that "turn-about is fair play" and that Israel and its supporters should be made to face the consequences of having railroaded into enacting the very procedural framework that sets the stage for Israel's prosecution under the provisions of the Genocide Convention.

Critics of Israel's wicked behavior point out that since Israel and the Jewish lobby were prime movers behind the convention, Israel cannot now expect a double standard to be in play and that, having violated the convention it endorsed, Israel must accept its fate and stand trial for its crimes.

Now — to distract attention from its own genocide of the Palestinians — Israel and its supporters (including former GOP presidential candidate Mitt Romney) are urging the prosecution of Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad on spurious charges of inciting genocide against Israel.

The Israelis and their advocates have based their call for Ahmadinejad's prosecution on false allegations generated by pro-Israel media sources that the Iranian leader had called for Israel to be "wiped off the map."

In fact, Ahmadinejad had simply predicted that Israel (as a political entity) would eventually dissolve on its own, similar to the way that the Soviet empire imploded.

Ahmadinejad did not call for — or predict — the destruction of Israel's Jews anymore than the Russians (or other peoples under Soviet occupation) were destroyed upon the Soviet Union's demise.

Liberty Lobby, the Washington-based populist Institution, had always been in the forefront of opposition to the convention, citing dangers international treaties often pose to U.S. sovereignty and the individual liberties of American citizens.

Supported by the Jewish lobby, the leading Senate proponent of the convention was liberal Sen. William Proxmire (D-Wis.), who delivered a speech promoting the treaty virtually every day he was on the Senate floor, for some 17 years.

However, precisely because of the strong opposition generated by Liberty Lobby, Senate Republicans stood fast, and Proxmire was foiled time and time again.

In the end, conservative Republican Ronald Reagan — widely perceived as a virtual savior of the republic — broke down GOP opposition and made ratification of the measure possible.

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